HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6128

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Go (M.), Co (E.) and Zubiri, per Committee Report No. 170

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF FLORIDABLANCA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, A CAMPUS OF THE PAMPANGA STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "PAMPANGA STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY-FLORIDABLANCA CAMPUS", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

- SECTION 1. There is hereby established a campus of the Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU) in the Municipality of Floridablanca, Province of Pampanga. It shall be known as the "PSAU-Floridablanca Campus".
- SEC. 2. The PSAU-Floridablanca Campus shall offer short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Pampanga and Region III.

The PSAU-Floridablanca Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

- SEC. 3. The PSAU-Floridablanca Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the qualifications standards prescribed by the Board, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.
- SEC. 4. The PSAU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the establishment and operation of the PSAU-Floridablanca Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.
- SEC. 5. A fifty (50)-hectare parcel of land belonging to the Floridablanca National Agricultural School (FNAS) located in the FNAS-Main Campus shall be transferred to and titled under the PSAU and shall be the site of the PSAU-Floridablanca

Campus: *Provided*, That should the PSAU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the PSAU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

- SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern for the PSAU-Floridablanca Campus. The said organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be submitted by the Chairperson of the CHED to the Secretary of the DBM for approval.
- SEC. 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.
- **SEC. 8.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- **SEC. 9.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 10. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,